## **Comment Set 31**

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Mr. Paul D. Thayer Executive Officer California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Thayer and Commissioners:

I am writing to offer comment regarding the the Draft EIR for the Chevron Richmond Long Wharf Marine Terminal. The discussion regarding the renewal of this lease has significant implications for Chevron and the people of the City of Richmond, who I have the pleasure of serving as one of their City Council members.

I wish to encourage your continued thorough review of the environmental impacts associated with the operation of the long wharf. While this operation represents significant economic benefit for Chevron and the City of Richmond, nothing is more important to me than the safety of our residents and towards that end I appreciate your thourough review of environmental impacts and suggested mitigation measures.

The operation of the long wharf also has significant implications for completion of the Bay Trail in the Richmond area. I am in total support of the completion of the Bay Trail and given the intersection that exists between the Bay Trail and the operation of the long wharf, I ask that you give consideration to the impacts the long wharf has on the completion of the Bay Trail and see to it that mitigations are included in the Final EIR accordingly. It has been brought to my attention that discussion between Chevron and the TRAC regarding completion of the Bay Trail as it relates to the long wharf has not resumed for a number of years. I would be interested in seeing conversation on this matter resume immediately.

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Thank you for your receipt and consideration of my comments. I have every confidence that you will deliberate in a manner that meets the best interests of the people of Richmond, the State of California, and that promotes good partnership with California businesses. At the end of the day I think the renewal of the lease operation (with the aforementioned environmental and Trail mitigations included), and completion of the Bay Trail is in the best interest of the City of Richmond. Please contact me at any time if I can provide you with any additional information regarding these matters.

## Respectfully

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## Response to Comment Set #31

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Please refer to response to Comment 3-15.